

GENERAL ORDINATION EXAMINATION
1986

This information is placed here at the direction of the General Board of Examining Chaplains (slightly edited from the 1985 General Convention "Blue Book").

The General Ordination Examinations are meant to be helpful - educationally, pastorally, and structurally. Educationally, they are meant to be an exercise in integration among the several fields. The examination does not decide whether a person should be ordained. That is the prerogative of the Bishops and diocesan structures. The purpose of the examination is to measure readiness for ministry, to lift up those areas where weakness might be recognized, and to assist persons in a collegial way to overcome such deficiencies through re-examination in the diocese, or a continuing education program, or a reading and mentoring process. The results of the General Ordination Examinations, in the view of the Board members, are only a part of the data which bishops, standing committees, and commissions on ministry may use to assist them in making decisions in matters of ordination and the pastoral support of the persons involved.

SET I (CLOSED-BOOK)

Be kind to your readers and write as legibly as you can if you are writing. Write or type on only one side of the paper. Use letter-size paper (8-1/2" x 11"), not legal size, and not the kind you tear off a pad, but separate sheets; white type-writer paper is ideal; use black ink or black ribbon only; no pencils, and no red ribbons. PUT YOUR EXAMINATION NUMBER, THE SET NUMBER, PAGE NUMBER AND QUESTION NUMBER AT THE TOP RIGHT CORNER OF EACH PAGE, THUS:

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Set I
Question No.
Page No.

Number all pages of Set I consecutively; do not begin numbering again when you begin a new question. Clip the pages together; please do NOT use staples.

These procedures will help us to keep your pages in order and distinct from other parts of the examination as well as from other persons' examinations. Uniform paper size with no tear-off edges helps the rapid Xeroxing of thousands of pages.

You have THREE HOURS to respond to both of the following questions. Thus there are TWO questions to be answered in this Set. You may have with you only a clean Bible and a clean 1979 Prayer Book during this time. If you finish in less than three hours, you may turn in your papers. Please limit each response to 1000 words, approximately.

QUESTION A

(The main emphasis of this question is in the area of Liturgics. Other areas involved are Scripture, History, and Theology.)

1. Identify at least three of the issues involved in the current discussions of Confirmation/Reception/Reaffirmation.
2. For each of the issues you identified in #1, show how New Testament evidence, such as the baptism of Jesus, Pentecost, and material from the Acts of the Apostles has contributed to the resolution of these issues.
3. How does the history of the bishop's role in Christian initiation help to illuminate these issues?

QUESTION B

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QUESTION B

(The main emphasis of this question is in the area of Scripture. Other areas involved are Theology, Liturgics, and Theory & Practice.)

The following passages are representative of various usages of the imposition of hands in Scripture:

Exodus 29:10ff
Numbers 8:10-13
Numbers 27:18-23

Matthew 19:13-15
Mark 6:5
Acts 4:30

Acts 8:14ff
Acts 19:1ff
2 Timothy 1:6

In each of these passages, the laying-on of hands has a different meaning.

1. For each of the passages, identify and explain the meaning of the laying-on of hands.
2. Which, if any, of these meanings persist today?
3. For each of the meanings you identify as still persisting today, state how valid they are in today's context.
4. Do other uses than the ones illustrated by the passages above appear in today's world?
5. If such additional uses of laying-on of hands appear, how valid are these uses?

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SET II (CLOSED-BOOK)

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Number all pages of Set II consecutively; do not begin numbering again when you begin a new question. Clip the pages together; please do NOT use staples.

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You have THREE HOURS to respond to TWO of the three following questions. TWO responses are thus required in this Set. You may have with you only a clean Bible and a clean 1969 Prayer Book during this time. If you finish in less than three hours, you may turn in your papers. Please limit each response to approximately 1000 words.

Respond to TWO of the three questions A, B, and C.

QUESTION A

(The main emphasis of this question is in the area of Ethics and Moral Theology. Other areas involved are Theology and Theory & Practice.)

From Kenneth Kirk's call for a new moral theology to current attempts to develop a practical theology, there has been an ongoing effort to concentrate theological disciplines in terms of Christian formation. Bearing in mind this concentration, describe the purposes and distinctive tasks of ascetical theology, moral theology and pastoral theology according to your understanding of the purpose of the Christian life and the mission of the Church.

QUESTION B

(The main emphasis of this question is in the area of Ethics and Moral Theology. Other areas involved are Scripture, Theology, Contemporary Society, and Theory & Practice.)

An amendment to Title I, Canon 16, Section 5, ^{an amendment which was not} passed in both houses of General Convention, reads:

No one shall be denied rights or status in this church because of race, color, ethnic origin, sex, sexual orientation, physical disability or age, except as otherwise specified by canon.

Select an issue of inclusiveness that might face you in a parish, and consider how you would handle the problems with your vestry and/or parishioners. Consider also any limits to inclusiveness necessary for the integrity of the church. Develop a biblical and theological basis for the position you take. Present your position either by writing a letter to the parish or by outlining in some detail a study or discussion program.

QUESTION C

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QUESTION C

(The main emphasis of this question is in the area of Theory and Practice of Ministry. Other areas involved are Scripture, Theology, and Ethics & Moral Theology.)

A parish priest recently commented: "Guilt is inappropriate motivation for Christian stewardship." Develop a Christian understanding of stewardship in light of this position, drawing upon the doctrine of God and a Christian theology of human nature.

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SET III (OPEN-BOOK)

You receive this Set on Monday morning at 9:00 a.m., following a weekend break on the examination schedule. You are to hand in the completed, typewritten response not later than 5:00 p.m. the same day. Thus you have eight hours for Set III.

This Set consists of ONE essay which is required of all. Limit your answer to approximately 2500 words.

Please identify each page at the top right corner with your examination number, the Set number, and the Page number. DO NOT sign your name to your answer. Be sure to cite your sources, whether the citation covers direct quotations or ideas known to have come from others.

QUESTION

(The main emphasis of this question is in the area of Theology. Other areas involved are Scripture, History, and Theory & Practice.)

A contemporary Anglican theologian has argued that the Chalcedonian definition is deficient because of its failure to attribute a human personality to Jesus Christ. [Anthony T. Hanson, Grace and Truth (London: S.P.C.K., 1975), p.96]. On the basis of your understanding of the two Christological schools (Alexandria and Antioch) reconciled at Chalcedon, do you agree with this criticism, and why? Frame your answer in dialogue with a contemporary theologian.

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SET IV (OPEN-BOOK)

You receive this Set on the last day of the examination at 9:00 a.m., following an overnight break. You are to hand in the completed, type-written response not later than 5:00 p.m. the same day.

This Set consists of ONE essay chosen from the two questions below. Please limit your answer to approximately 2500 words.

Please identify each page at the top right corner with your examination number, the Set number, the Question number, and the Page number. DO NOT sign your name to your answer. Be sure to cite your sources, whether the citation covers direct quotations or ideas known to have come from others.

Please answer either Question A or Question B

QUESTION A

(The main emphasis of this question is in the area of Church History. Other areas involved are Theology, Liturgics, and Contemporary Society.)

Samuel Seabury and William White - two founding fathers of the Episcopal Church in the United States - represented differing views on politics, the State, theology, and ecclesiology.

1. Identify and describe at least one of their differences in each of these areas.
2. Show how these differences affected the affairs of Seabury's and White's day.
3. Show how these same differences are operative in the affairs of our own day.

or

QUESTION B

(The main emphasis of this question is in the area of Church History. Other areas involved are Theology and Contemporary Society.)

"Reform" has always been a major element in the Church's life.

1. Describe reform in the Church of the Middle Ages. Make particular reference to reform in the religious orders, the papacy, councils, theology, and society.
2. Compare reform in the Church of the Middle Ages with reform, as you are able to identify it, in the Church of the present day.

Please note on your last page: Who did your typing?
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1986 GOE CLOSED-BOOK TEST: "Coffee-Hour" questions

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(The designation CH (for "Coffee-Hour") will help us to keep your pages in order and distinct from the other closed-book tests which you are taking.)

You have THREE HOURS to respond to ALL of the following fifteen questions or statements as they might be made to you at a parish coffee hour or at the church door. Write a paragraph or so on each question. If you finish in less than three hours, you may turn in your papers.

1. A parishioner asks, "Why is this parish trying to limit baptisms to five occasions in a year?"
2. "Why does the Church get involved with political issues rather than spiritual ones?"
3. "How come Martin Luther King, Jr., was added to the Church's calendar when he wasn't even an Episcopalian?"
4. "At the Eucharist today you said we are commemorating Charles Henry Brent. Who was he?"
5. "My wife reports your saying in class that William Temple described Christianity as the most materialistic of all religions. What does that mean?"
6. "What is the point of attending a healing service if one has been told that he has a terminal illness?"
7. "Why does the Ascension matter for our faith?"
8. "Why doesn't the Episcopal Church make more of being 'born again'?"
9. "We share Communion with the Lutherans; why aren't we doing it with the Roman Catholics?"
10. "I understand that Bishop Allin said at the General Convention that '...national security has been allowed to become an earth-shadowing idol.' Is it really idolatrous to be patriotic?"
11. "Did the bishops and deputies at General Convention really vote to change the Creed?"
12. "How was it decided what books the Bible would contain?"
13. "Why don't we use the Saint James version of the Bible any more?"
14. "I started reading the Bible at the Book of Genesis; after a while I gave it up. Can you help me to develop a way to read the Bible?"
15. "A friend of mine committed suicide. Is that an unforgivable sin?"

You have THREE HOURS to fill in answers to each of the following 100 questions. Each question can be answered with one or two, or a few, words. Please use a black pen, (not a pencil) for this test. When you have finished (or when the three hours have passed), hand in these question sheets.

For questions 1 through 28, name the author of the work whose title is given:

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| 1. <u>City of God</u> | _____ | 1. |
| 2. <u>De Incarnatione</u> | _____ | 2. |
| 3. <u>Nature, Man and God</u> | _____ | 3. |
| 4. <u>Cur Deus Homo?</u> | _____ | 4. |
| 5. <u>Cost of Discipleship</u> | _____ | 5. |
| 6. <u>Apologia pro Vita Sua</u> | _____ | 6. |
| 7. <u>Moral Man and Immoral Society</u> | _____ | 7. |
| 8. <u>Church Dogmatics</u> | _____ | 8. |
| 9. <u>The Sixteen Revelations of
Divine Love</u> | _____ | 9. |
| 10. <u>Imitation of Christ</u> | _____ | 10. |
| 11. <u>Spiritual Exercises</u> | _____ | 11. |
| 12. <u>Summa Theologica</u> | _____ | 12. |
| 13. <u>Ecclesiastical History of
the English People</u> | _____ | 13. |
| 14. <u>Treatise on the Laws of
Ecclesiastical Polity</u> | _____ | 14. |
| 15. <u>Thus Spake Zarathustra</u> | _____ | 15. |
| 16. <u>Critique of Pure Reason</u> | _____ | 16. |
| 17. <u>Analogy of ~~Reason~~ Religion</u> | _____ | 17. |
| 18. <u>The Institutes of the
Christian Religion</u> | _____ | 18. |
| 19. <u>Augsburg Confession</u> | _____ | 19. |
| 20. <u>Christ and Culture</u> | _____ | 20. |
| 21. <u>The Courage to Be</u> | _____ | 21. |
| 22. <u>The Vision of God</u> | _____ | 22. |
| 23. <u>A Serious Call to a Devout
and Holy Life</u> | _____ | 23. |
| 24. <u>Pilgrim's Progress</u> | _____ | 24. |
| 25. <u>The Apostolic Tradition</u> | _____ | 25. |
| 26. <u>Fear and Trembling</u> | _____ | 26. |
| 27. <u>The Divine Imperative</u> | _____ | 27. |
| 28. <u>The Shape of the Liturgy</u> | _____ | 28. |

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29. What churches object to the filioque clause in the Nicene Creed? _____ 29.
30. Who were the three English bishops burned in the Marian persecutions? _____ 30.
31. Who was the commander of the "Ironsides", the New Model Army? _____ 31.
32. Where was the so-called Lambeth Quadrilateral first promulgated? _____ 32.
33. What American Episcopal woman was canonized by the Roman Catholic Church after her conversion to Rome and following her founding of an order? _____ 33.
34. Who were the first three bishops in the American Episcopal Church? _____ 34.
35. Who became the leader of the Tractarian Movement when Newman left the Church? _____ 35.
36. Who was the first bishop of Ohio? _____ 36.
37. Who has the authority to excommunicate? _____ 37.
38. At a wedding or a funeral the BCP directs that ahomily be given after the reading of the Gospel. True or false? _____ 38.
39. According to the Outline of the Faith in the BCP, who are the ministers of the Church? _____ 39.
40. Under the Canons, who can authorize the use of church properties and facilities? _____ 40.
41. Where in the Bible do you find an account of the Valley of Dry Bones? _____ 41.
42. In what book in the Old Testament does the figure of Melchizedek appear? _____ 42.
43. Where in the Old Testament does one find the story of the sacrifice of Isaac? _____ 43.
44. What prophet used his wife as a symbol of unfaithfulness? _____ 44.
45. What Old Testament book does "Holy, Holy, Holy" (the Sanctus) come from? _____ 45.
46. through 55. List the Ten Commandments by simple title. _____ 46.
- _____ 47.
- _____ 48.
- _____ 49.
- _____ 50.
- _____ 51.
- _____ 52.
- _____ 53.
- _____ 54.
- _____ 55.

56. To whom is the authorship of the Pentateuch traditionally ascribed? _____ 56.
57. With which of the Gospels is the term "sign" associated? _____ 57.
58. Who bargained with God over the destruction of Sodom? _____ 58.
59. In what book does the following appear?:
"But emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men." _____ 59.
60. In what O.T. book is the Passover ritual and background most extensively described? _____ 60.
61. Where in the Old Testament is this statement found?: "Behold, he whose soul is not upright in him shall fail, but the righteous shall live by his faith." _____ 61.
62. Who said this?: "I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear, but now my eyes see thee; therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes." _____ 62.
63. Where in the O.T. would you find this prophecy?:
"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." _____ 63.
64. In what book of the O.T. is this quotation found?: "'Do you do well to be angry for the plant?' And he said, 'I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.'" _____ 64.
65. "Then they asked Baruch, 'Tell us, how did you write all these words? Was it at his dictation?' Baruch answered them, 'He dictated all these words to me, while I wrote them with ink on a scroll.'" From what book of the Bible does this quotation come? _____ 65.
66. In what two services of the Prayer Book is there reference to Israel's crossing of the Red Sea? _____ 66.
67. From what book of the Bible does this quotation come?: "Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity." _____ 67.
68. From what book of the O.T. does this quotation come?: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? Why art thou so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?" _____ 68.
69. What two Gospels contain the three temptations of Christ? _____ 69.

70. through 78. In what book of the Bible will the following stories be found?

70. The woman in adultery _____ 70.
 71. Nicodemus _____ 71.
 72. The Prodigal Son _____ 72.
 73. The annunciation _____ 73.
 74. The Three Wise Men _____ 74.
 75. Washing of the feet _____ 75.
 76. Birth of John the Baptist _____ 76.
 77. Parable of the sheep and the goats _____ 77.
 78. The Good Shepherd _____ 78.
 79. What two Gospels contain the Lord's Prayer? _____ 79.

80. Which of the following became the teaching of the Church of England under the reign of Henry VIII?

- a) Affirmation of marriage for clergy
 b) Affirmation of Justification by Faith alone
 c) Affirmation of the Priesthood of All Believers
 d) Denial of Transubstantiation
 e) Denial of Works of Supererogation
 f) Denial of Chantry Masses
 g) Denial of Papal power to depose Princes
 h) The Prayer Book in the vernacular tongue (English) _____ 80.

81. In what Epistle is this phrase found?:
 "On the night in which he was betrayed he took bread and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body....'" _____ 81.

82. What book begins with the following quotation?: "In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son...." _____ 82.

83. Where would you find this statement?:
 "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is of any avail, but faith working through love."

84. Identify the Biblical source of this statement: "I beseech you, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God...." _____ 83.

85. Who makes the final decision concerning music at weddings? _____ 85.
86. What moral philosopher is known for "The Categorical Imperative"? _____ 86.
87. What well-known Episcopal priest wrote the words to "O little town of Bethlehem"? _____ 87.
88. What is the Catechism called in the Prayer Book? _____ 88.
89. Who was the mother of St. Augustine? _____ 89.
90. Name the Cappadocian Fathers _____ 90.
91. Who preached the sermon "National Apostasy" in 1833? _____ 91.
92. Who said, "No Bishop, no King"? _____ 92.
93. What document came out of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches' meeting in Lima? _____ 93.
94. What book, published in 1919, "fell like a bomb on the playground of the theologians"? _____ 94.
95. What three great world religions regard the Old Testament as the inspired word of God? _____ 95.
96. What Pope sent what missionary to England in 597? _____ 96.
97. Who was the first missionary bishop appointed in the Episcopal Church? _____ 97.
98. What battle in France stopped the Islamic invasion of Europe? _____ 98.
99. What evangelical layman is credited with the abolition of slavery in the British Empire? _____ 99.
100. Who was the first Black American to be ordained to the Priesthood in the Episcopal Church? _____ 100.

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